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Toquerville Falls Wildfire Fact Sheet

Note: For information on a different incident, please call (435) 559-3154

Start Date: Reported Wednesday, August 31, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Location: East side of Black Ridge, east of Interstate 15 and north of Toquerville, Utah.

Jurisdiction: Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Fire Size: 207 acres (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field).

Cause: Lightning

Fire Behavior: Fire behavior was minimal today. Isolated torching was observed. Crews will continue to secure remaining hot spots today and Saturday.

Closures: No closures are affect- Kolob Canyons hiking trails located in Zion National Park (LaVerkin Creek, Hop Valley, and Timber Creek Overlook trails) are now open for public use.

Structures: No structures are threatened

Percent Contained: 100% at 7:00 p.m.

Fuels: Grass, mixed brush, pinyon and juniper trees

Fire Crews/Resources: 2 Helicopters, 1 Fixed Wing Air Attack Platform, 1 Hotshot Crew, 1 Type II Initial Attack Crew, and 1 Helitack Crew.

Evacuations: No evacuations are in effect.

Injuries: 2 injuries are reported. Both injuries were allergic reactions to bee stings.

Summary: Handcrews will continue to work and secure remaining hot spots using chainsaws and hand tools through Saturday. The fire is located in a wilderness area where rugged terrain presents specific hazards to firefighter safety. Crews working on the fireline continue to use Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST), "a light hand on the land" due to the fire's wilderness characteristics. The fire will be contained at 7:00 p.m. today.

For More Information: For more information on fire activity in southwestern Utah, the public can call the Color County Fire **Information Hotline at 1-866-447-1283**. For more information on fires in Utah visit www.utahfireinfo.gov. For more information on fires across the country, visit www.inciweb.org.